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## BOOKS AND AUTHORS.

Miss Joan Webster, author of "When  
Polly Went to College," has returned by  
way of Japan from a journey round the  
world. In Tokio, Japan, Miss Webster and  
a friend set up housekeeping for them-  
selves and from Ceylon they brought home  
a package of tea plants and food by  
their own hands. Miss Webster is now  
engaged in finishing a new story of adven-  
ture.Mr. Elton Stephens is publishing a volume  
of letters entitled "Memories and Impressions  
of a Fair Unknown" by an anonymous  
writer. The letters were written to the  
author, who was a regular visitor to the  
Garden during a recent season, and they  
deal with the opera of each evening ac-  
cording to the ideas of one who has had  
considerable experience of music in many  
countries. While the work is in no sense  
a collection of love letters it is the record  
of the combined effect of music and an  
attractive personality upon an appreciative  
mind.The new novel by A. E. W. Mason, the  
author of "Four Feathers," is to be called  
"The Broken Road." The scene is laid  
in England at first and then in India, and  
the influence of the road on the lives of  
the two men who are the central figures  
of the story lends singular and dramatic  
interest to the book.James R. Connolly, the author of "The  
Crested Lark," is the son of a New Eng-  
land shipper and was brought up in the  
region in which most of his stories are laid—  
the Gloucester shore. He is a Harvard  
man and was a member of the American  
team at the Olympic games in '00, when  
he won the first event, the triple leap. He  
has hunted whales, fought at Santiago,  
fished with Lapp fishermen out of Ham-  
merfest, Finnish fishermen out of Vardø  
and German fishermen in the Baltic. He  
has taken many voyages, two of them in  
the heart of winter to the Banks of New-  
foundland. His stories are full of the out-  
of-door life he has known and loved.Henry van Dyke's new book, "Days Off  
and Other Diversions," is dedicated "To  
My Friend and Neighbor Grover Cleve-  
land, whose years of great work as a states-  
man have been cheered by days of good  
play as a fisherman, this book is dedicated  
with warm and deep regard."Christian Reid, whose real name is  
Frances Fisher Tiernan and who comes  
from the South, has written a new story,  
which will be published under the title of  
"Princess Nadine." The heroine—the daughter  
of a Russian prince and an American  
mother—is an engaging and subtly char-  
ming young woman. Her lover is master-  
ful and resourceful as lovers should be,  
and stops at nothing where the pleasure  
of his lady is concerned. Besides these  
there are a company of elegant worldlings  
who dance, intrigue and gossip in an en-  
tertaining fashion and there are dramatic  
situations to engage the reader's attention  
and compel interest to the conclusion.Christian Reid has written other stories,  
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## BARNUM'S CIRCUS SOLD.

Ringling Bros. Become the Owners of  
"The Greatest Show on Earth."The announcement was authoritatively  
made at the Barnum & Bailey offices yester-  
day that Ringling Brothers, the Western  
circus men, had secured possession of the  
famous old show. The news came from  
London, where at a meeting of the shareholders  
the sale of the show by the directors  
was ratified. The purchase price according  
to a London despatch, was \$410,000.The transfer of the show to the new  
managers places the five Ringling brothers  
at the head of the circus business in America  
and leaves them practically without a  
rival in the world. They now control  
the original Ringling brothers' circus,  
the Forepaugh-Sells show and the Barnum  
& Bailey "Greatest Show on Earth."So far as the public is concerned, it  
was announced by John Ringling last night  
that there will be no change in the policy of  
the show. The innovations, Mr. Ringling said,  
would be only such as have contributed  
to the success of their other shows.The sale of the show, it is announced,  
is not the result of any deterioration or lack  
of patronage, as the season, which closed  
at Dyersburg, Tenn., last Thursday, was  
a satisfactory one. That the shareholders  
were satisfied with the management of  
the show was evidenced at the London  
meeting, where three rousing cheers were  
given for Managing Director W. F. Cole  
and the present directors, Mr. Cole  
was, however, anxious to retire, and Mr.  
Bailey wished to dispose of her ownership  
of the title and her other holdings in the  
show, and this opened the way for the  
sale.John and Otto Ringling were both in  
the city last night.ANOTHER STOOPS TO FOLLY.  
"Marta Magdalena," Disasters Erring  
Female at Irving Place.A German domestic melodrama—which  
has rather unusual interest because of its  
touches of modernity, its foreshadowing of  
Nidermann and his school—was shown last  
night at the Irving Place Theatre for the  
first time in America. "Marta Magdalena,"  
a name and Friedrich Heibel wrote it  
about half a century ago. In spite of its  
dated theme—it ends with the erring  
daughter jumping into a well, which sug-  
gests to the puppeteer, the author, a "dis-  
asters erring female"—it has held the boards  
in Germany off and on ever since, and has been  
especially a bulwark of travelling repertoire  
companies.Just why German-America has escaped  
the play seems to be a mystery. For a do-  
mestic play fifty years old it is curiously  
fresh, and it certainly is effective theatri-  
cally. It was very well played last night,  
especially by Hedwig Beicher, the erring  
daughter, who is fair to look upon and emo-  
tionally unusually well equipped for so  
young an actress. It is not hard to fancy  
that the last act was known to them when  
they wrote "Rosmersholm," nor hard to un-  
derstand why the play has retained a place  
on the stage. Its realism is rather  
production, here is quite justified.Belasco-Mille Combination Again.  
David Belasco announced yesterday that  
his next production will be a play by Wil-  
liam C. de Mille, called "The Warrens of  
Virginia," with Frank Keenan and Miss  
Charlotte Walker in the leading parts.  
When Belasco was writing "The Charity  
Ball," "The Wife," &c., with the elder De  
Mille, William was a boy playing about the  
library table. The new play is not a "war  
play," though the scene are laid in Vir-  
ginia in war days. It will be shown at the  
Belasco Theatre about December 1.Saint-Gaudens Memorial Exhibition.  
The Metropolitan Museum of Art, acting  
in cooperation with Mrs. Saint-Gaudens,  
will hold a commemorative exhibition of the  
work of her husband, the sculptor, Augustus  
Saint-Gaudens, in the early part of the  
coming year. At a meeting of the board of  
trustees yesterday a special committee  
was appointed, with Daniel C. French  
as chairman, to take charge of the  
matter. Where originals cannot be ac-  
quired they will be represented by casts,  
and if not by casts, by enlarged photo-  
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The musical part of today's program is as follows:

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| 1. Organ—Improvisation  | Wagner   |
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| 3. Piano Solo—"The Last Chord"  | Berger   |
| 4. Piano Solo—"Twelfth Night"   | Sullivan |
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